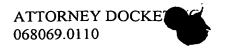


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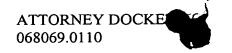
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I hereby declare that I am an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

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